മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്°. പണിക്കർ : ഇതു് ഫർം ഫന്നം ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ കാര്യത്തിലെങ്കിലും അനുവദിച്ചുകൂടേ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)* : All these matters are guided by the rules then in force according to the Cochin Service Regulations.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്°. പണിക്കർ : സി. എസ്സ്°. ആർ-ൽ വ്യത്യാസപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ കഴിയുകയില്ലേ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : It is now being done. It cannot be given retrospective effect. Otherwise there is no necessity for the rule itself.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)* : Such cases are only very rare and I think it will only be about half a dozen.

PAZHANJI-KADAVALLUR ROAD

60. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has issued a memo on 19th May 1941 Ref: 3231/16 stating that the proposal for connecting the newly opened Pazhanji-Kadavallur road with British Frontier will be placed before the Road Board for consideration ;

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to inform whether the matter has received the approval of the Board and the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is pending the decision of the Board.

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar *(Nominated)*: Mr. President, Sir, I am highly grateful to you for having assigned to me the privilege of performing this melancholy duty.

Born in Cochin the late Mr. K. Narasimha Pai had his early education in the Santa Cruz School at Cochin, and later graduated himself from the Presidency College, Madras which has produced several illustrious men.

After taking the degree Mr. Pai entered service in Travancore and very soon became the Headmaster and Manager of the T. D. School at Cochin, and it was from there that he was drafted to the Maharaja's College, as Lecturer. He rose successively to the position of the Professor of Chemistry and the Principal of the College, and for a time also acted as the Director of Public Instruction in which capacity he was a member of this Hon'ble House.

Mr. Pai or "Pai Master" as he used to be called affectionately by friends, will be chiefly known as the Principal of the Maharaja's College,a position which he occupied with conspicuous ability for some years before he retired. His name will be cherished in the memory of posterity as long as the Maharaja's College exists, for it was during his Principalship that the new laboratories were constructed, which has made the College an object of pride to our friends and well-wishers. In his death we have lost a simple and unostentatious man, a warm and genial friend, an able administrator, and an educationist of sound and sober views. We deeply bemoan his loss.

And now I beg to commend to this Hon'ble House for its acceptance the resolution which I have been privileged to move. "This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Mr. K. Narasimha Pai who has been for some time officiating Director of Public Instruction and an official Member of this House." MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!

*Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin-Christians-Cranganur)*: Sir, on behalf of myself and my party I wish to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Mover. As a student of the late lamented Mr. Pai I deem it a duty incumbent upon me to pay the tribute that he rightly deserves. Mr. Pai, one of the former pupils of the Maharaja's College, rose to the place of its principal and it lay to the alumini to guide the destinies of the Alma Mater for some time. He was one of the greatest benefactors of the College and it was during his time that the extension of the college was completed and the college was housed in a building which it properly deserves. He distinguished himself even as a student and after taking his B.A. Degree in the first class with distinction he joined the Maharaja's College teaching staff and as a professor his abiding interest in Chemistry, his genial temperament, his kind heart and above

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member

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all his gentlemanly behaviour and amiable disposition won for him the uniform love and affection of all the students alike. He was also an artist and a musician of some pre-eminence and even in the practical experiments that he used to perform in his class rooms there used to be an amount of artistic finish and beauty about it with the result that his students took the study of the subject with an interest which is not usually seen in the student. In his loss we have lost a pre-eminent citizen, a very kind hearted friend, an able scientist and an eminent scholar and the void that has been created by the loss of this eminent man will not be filled in. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!

Mr. N. Govinda Pai *(Nominated):* Sir, I deem it a privilege to associate myself with the sentiments that have been expressed in this House about Mr. Narasimha Pai. Mr. Pai hails from a very respectable family who was responsible to found the Thirumala Devaswam in Cochin and also the T. D. School. As related by the Principal of the Maharaja's College he was educated in that institution and had the proud privilege of being its Manager and Headmaster for some time. From there he was drafted to the Maharaja's College where I had the privilege of studying under him. He was one of the best Professors and all the students loved him so much. Anybody who crosses the precincts of the College cannot forget Mr. Pai because to him was given the privilege of effecting the extension of the college which has won for the college so much prominence now. Even after leaving the College Mr. Pai spent his life in his own pet subject Chemistry doing researches at Bangalore. After his health was broken down he once again returned to his native country and expired lately. In his loss the community has lost one of its best members and the State and the people at large one of the best Professors and one of the best citizens. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Sir, I rise to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Mover and the Hon'ble Members who have spoken on the motion before the House. I have known the late Mr. Pai ever since my boyhood. He was an Assistant-Professor when I entered the Maharaja's College as an under-graduate and from 1913 till his death I have known him very intimately. I have known him both in his official capacity as the Principal and in his genial social capacity as a man, and there is hardly anyone who has had the privilege of coming into contact with Mr. Pai has not loved him and respected him. Throughout the whole of his official life his work was his one enduring passion. I have known days when he would come to the College at about 8-30 a. m. and never leave before 6-30. When the new extensions were under way he used to come to me and ask me to come over to Ernakulam immediately and interview Mr. Herbert and say one small alteration was necessary in order to make it look beautiful and my Hon'ble friend on my right will be able to bear with me when I say he gave us no peace until the building was completed as he had in his imagination. It is difficult to see a man more loyal to his duty. I have often seen him walking along the platform, the corridor or the central platform for getting hold of young who have been his students for years past. He is a very genial man and although at times he was a very hard taskmaster for his students no one can forget the many acts of kindness we have received at the hands of Mr. Pai. Both upright and downright he was very strict in the discharge of his official duties. When the time came for him to lay down the reins of administration the last thing he told me after handing over charge to Mr. Mills was "Please don't forget my College". He used to make occasional visits to the College and it was not uncommon for him to say "There is some patch of milldew which ought to have been removed six months ago". He never forgot small details. I associate myself with all that has been said on this motion. Mr. Pai requires no earthly memoral as long as the College lasts. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Sir, On behalf of my party and on my own behalf I have great pleasure to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!

Mr. President: On behalf of the Chair I wish to associate myself with all that has been said about the late Mr. Narasimha Pai and to commend the condolence motion to the House. I would request the members to pass it standing.

The motion was passed everybody standing

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